



Easter 4

Hope Mennonite Church
April 30, 2023
9:30 am Worship

Gathering to Worship

*As we gather for worship, please silence all electronic devices.
Hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers.*

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship

Come, worship the Christ, a living stone,
rejected my mortals but precious in God's sight.

**We are like living stones, being used in building the
spiritual temple, with Christ as our cornerstone.**

We will offer spiritual sacrifices
acceptable to God through Jesus Christ,

**for we are a chosen people, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people.**

Once we were no people, but now we are God's people.

**Therefore, we declare the mighty acts of God,
who calls us out of the darkness into his marvelous light.**

**We will be priests of good news and serve each other,
with Christ as our example.**

*Songs of Gathering

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

Voices Together 25

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Voices Together 365

Hearing God's Word

Scripture reading

I Peter 2:19-25

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

Voices Together 306

Message

"Straying Away"

Randy Quinn

Responding to God's Word

* "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

Voices Together 558

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting our Guests (Please pass the attendance pads)

Seeing and Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Prayers of God's People

Sending

*"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Voices Together 812

*Benediction

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A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with us today in person or on Zoom. The Zoom recording on YouTube is available starting on Monday.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Lori Miller

Pianist: Laurie Regehr

Song leader: Lowell Birkey

Scripture reader: Mike Mayta

Worship tech: Galen Fast

Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

Upcoming Worship Services

May 7 Worship service led by Working Men of Chris

May 14 Preaching text I Peter 3:13-22

May 21 Preaching text I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Choir finale



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Church Office Hours

Randy Tuesday-Wednesday 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Monday, Thursday – work from home

Cynthia Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-1:30 pm

Kim Friday 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Staff meeting Tuesday 9:30 am

Hope on Facebook: Follow the link at hopemennonite.org and “like” Hope Mennonite Church to see pictures & updates on church life.

First Fruits Giving

Giving the first and best of what we are given
as a worship response to God.

April 23

Attendance-89 (Hope-78; Zoom-11)

Offering last Sunday \$4,662 Year to date - \$73,418

Spending plan year to date - \$85,000

Hope offers an electronic option of giving through **Tithely**.
Contact the church office for instructions.

Our Purpose: As an Anabaptist community of faith empowered by the Holy Spirit, Hope Mennonite Church is calling and making disciples who bring Christ's love and peace to our world

Hope Mennonite Church Statement of Welcome and Inclusion

We believe all people are created in God's image and we covenant to accept, respect, and love one another as we seek to follow Jesus. We gather around God's table as an open and affirming congregation, embracing all people to full participation in the life and ministry of our church regardless of age, race, marital status, sexual orientation, economic status, gender identity, citizenship, ability, ethnicity, or any other factor subject to discrimination or exclusion in our world. We recognize and give thanks for the diverse opinions among us and are united as we strive to model a community of faith offering justice, peace, love, and com-*passion* in the name of Christ.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (April 29-May 6)

Sunday -Family Promise begins today – May 7

Saturday -Sandwich Saturday (we need **16** dozen cookies)



Mower this week: Jim Blakely

Coffee preparation next Sunday: Chris Bellar



NURSERY (birth through age 4)

Today: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky

Next Sunday: Greg & Leah Shelly-Unruh

May 14: Alison, Kloie, Hailey Boese



*Prek-1st: Room 8/9 downstairs

*Middle School: Room 7 downstairs

*Young adults: "Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws" led by Pastor Randy. Room 3 downstairs.

*Adults: "Suffering Church: How theatre can help us learn from those who leave." See announcement.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK (May 7-13)

Wednesday -7:00 pm Choir

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Guests and visitors last week: Corbin Graber

Please consider joining our volunteer group to help get Camp Mennoscah ready for the summer months. We'll carpool from church at 7:45 am this Saturday, **May 6**. All men and women from Hope are welcome as we join volunteers from Working Men of Christ. See your email for further details.

Sandwich Saturday update Due to some changes to the area around St. John's Episcopal, the number of people served on Sandwich Saturday has decreased. Beginning in May, we will only make 100-110 lunches to distribute. That also reduces the number of cookies needed from 25 dozen to 21 dozen. Please take a look at the Sandwich Saturday calendar and consider signing up for one of the many months left, as well as cookies. We especially need people/groups to take the summer months. Thanks for being a part of this continued ministry.

Adult Sunday School April 30 & May 7 – You are invited to the two Sunday presentation on “Suffering Church: How theatre can help us learn from those who leave.” This play is the work of Karen Robu, pastor at Plymouth Congregational Church, professor of theatre at Bethel College, and well-known actor in Wichita. The Pew Research Center reported that between 2009-19, the number of Americans identifying as Christian dropped by 12%. “I was curious about the stories behind the numbers,” Robu said, “and began interviewing people as to their reasons for leaving church. The only question I asked was: ‘What is your story in regards to leaving the church?’ People talked and I listened with the promise of no judgment and no evangelism.” Robu collected stories from 56 people. “The stories were varied but most often involved some form of suffering caused by the church,” she said. From this source material, Robu created Suffering Church, in which actors portray the reasons people leave church, often permanently. **Note:** We will not be able to share the recording of these sessions.

Prayers for the wider church

... Odesa Theological Seminary in Ukraine is offering courses on trauma healing. Pray for the resources and personnel to equip church leaders to respond with compassion and skills to the millions of people who have lost loved ones and homes due to Russia’s invasion.

...Pray for Mission Network and Mennonite Church USA, along with its conferences and congregations, who all encourage and share a witness for peace as a community of faith.

...Pray for Mennonite Mission Network’s South Africa partners: Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM) and Anabaptist Network in South Africa (ANiSA).

Sharing Praises and Prayers
April 23, 2023

* Pray for Carol Preheim as she undergoes surgery for a fractured C-5 and spinal stenosis in the next week or so.